

Westbrook-Gorham Rotary Board Meeting Minutes: November 14, 2022

Present: President Christine Johnson, Foundation Chair Steve Rand, VP Phil Spiller, PE Crystal A. Brown, Secretary Scott Linscott.

Meeting called to order about 11:05 AM by Christine

Attendance: Will Brown, Scott Linscott, Judith Reidman, Christine Johnson, Kathi Perkins, Steve Rand, Phil Spiller, Karen Arnold, Crystal Brown, Andrew Turcotte

ACTION ITEMS

1) **MOTION:** Approve **October, 2022 meeting minutes.** MOTION/SECOND/APPROVED

2) **MOTION: Honorary membership – Walt Stimson**, member for over 20 years, founded Sebago Technics, has stayed connected, helped with lobster bakes. No dues, no financial obligations unless we get him a magazine subscription. MOTION/SECOND/APPROVED

REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS/NEW BUSINESS

7600 Paul Harris fellow points in our account that we can reward.

Identify 1-4 community members going the extra mile for our community to award Paul Harris Fellows. Invite to meeting to recognize and possibly speak to our gathering. Frequency? 1 or 2 per year? More? Discussion about recognizing volunteer/grassroots community service. 1 Westbrook / 1 Gorham? Table until next meeting so board can think about potential recipients.

NO MEETINGS DECEMBER 20, 27, Jan 3

DISTRICT GRANT UPDATE -

Solar Charging Unit to be installed in Riverbank Park in Spring unless city changes the plan.

Unit nearing shipping date to be shipped to Public Services garage

We will be billed after shipping.

City has installation specs and requirements and will install.

Club involvement: park cleanup, host ribbon cutting, publicity, possible landscaping

Disaster Relief Grant Proposal – District 7780 – Kathi Perkins

- Not our club responsibility but will be an opportunity for us to be involved.

- up to \$25,000 from foundation

- current project is a roof over facility housing 22 refugees in Uradia (?), Ukrainian Refugees

- Winter clothing, food staples, appliances

GOLF TOURNAMENT:

Outstanding funds: \$1300

- Shaw Brothers

- Suzanne Joyce

- MEMIC
- Dave's Pool
- Corsetti's

WREATH UPDATE:

276 wreaths coming. 270 bows

2 dozen left to sell

Crystal not getting a response from guy about price or delivery time.

Kathi to talk to Scarborough about the details from same supplier.

WRVC House update –

- house committee meeting tomorrow after our meeting
- No additional information to share

Pizza Challenge

– week of April vacation. Thursday April 20, 4-6 PM at Westbrook Community Center in big gymnasium.

YOUTH SERVICES

- WHS Interact– clothing drive that we will join them in. Also doing festival of trees.
- GHS – Thanksgiving cards for Preble St, working with Mr Bagel T-giving, volunteering as Elves on Narrow Gauge Polar Express through Christmas, also doing festival of trees
- Student of the Month for WRVC? Talked to Gloria at WRVC. All in favor. Thinking it through for criteria. We suggested focus on volunteerism, not necessarily grades
- Kathi and Crystal A going to RYLA training

FINANCE

- Dues going out this week. \$110 by check
 - \$730 matched for polio fund. Great.
 - Request for increase in line of credit, double, for our house project
- \$247K in bank right now

CALENDAR

- Mid-year leadership dinner, Tuesday Feb 14 combined with Peace Conference
- April 15 – District Training Assembly
- Westbrook Together Days Presence
- Halloween at Community Center?
- Sponsor Concerts at Vallee Square

Christmas Party? December 13... plans to come together....

NEXT BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 12 AT 11 AM